

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

23.(currently amended) A carrier for carrying an object within an interior of the carrier, the carrier comprising:  
a first half;  
a second half;

the first and second halves hinged together to permit the first and second halves to move between an open position and a closed position, the first and second halves being formed of a anti-microbial material and wherein the first half has a first hinge element and the second half has a second hinge element;

the first and second hinge elements mating to form a hinge to permit the first and second halves to move between an open position and a closed position;

at least one main latch movable between a latched position and an unlatched position to hold the first and second halves in a closed position in the latched position of said at least one main latch, said main latch including a stationary portion secured to the first half, said stationary portion defining a guide, a movable portion mounted to the stationary portion for sliding motion between a first limit and a second limit, and a cam mounted to the second half, the movable portion engaging the cam to move the first and second halves into the closed position as the movable portion is moved toward the first limit; and

a safety latch to hold the main latch in the latched position wherein said safety latch is formed with a knob to engage the movable portion when the movable portion is in the latched position, the safety latch sufficiently flexible so that contact with the knob permits deflection of the safety latch away from the movable portion to permit the movable portion to be moved to the unlatched position.

24.(currently amended) A carrier for carrying an object within an interior of the carrier, the carrier comprising:

a first half;  
a second half;

the first and second halves hinged together to permit the first and second halves to move between an open position and a closed position, the first and second halves being formed of a anti-microbial material and wherein the first half has a first hinge element and the second half has a second hinge element;

the first and second hinge elements mating to form a hinge to permit the first and second

halves to move between an open position and a closed position;

at least one main latch movable between a latched position and an unlatched position to hold the first and second halves in a closed position in the latched position of said at least one main latch, said main latch including a stationary portion secured to the first half, said stationary portion defining a guide, a movable portion mounted to the stationary portion for sliding motion between a first limit and a second limit, and a cam mounted to the second half, the movable portion engaging the cam to move the first and second halves into the closed position as the movable portion is moved toward the first limit; and

a safety latch to hold the main latch in the latched position wherein the safety latch is formed integrally with the stationary portion.

25.(original) A carrier of claim 23 wherein the movable portion has an opening therethrough, the knob of the safety latch entering the opening in the latched position, the knob of the safety latch engaging the movable portion in the latched position.

26.(original) A carrier of claim 25 wherein the safety latch is formed of a resilient material.

Claims 27-36 (canceled)